

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS



The District of Columbia is the proud home of the
Metropolitan Washington Regional Clean Cities Program.

Overview

Washington, DC does not have incentives for alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs).

State Incentives

The District of Columbia does not offer any incentives for AFVs. The Clean Fuel Fleet Program included an initiative for the District to develop AFV incentives, such as income tax credits for AFVs, motor fuels exemptions, and preferential parking. However, the measure has not been implemented by the DC City Council. For more information, contact George Nichols, Clean Cities Coordinator, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, at (202) 962-3355; Sam Wiggins, District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, at (202) 645-6093; or Charles Clinton, District of Columbia Energy Office, at (202) 673-6710.

Utilities/Private Incentives

Potomac Electric Power Company has experimental electric vehicle (EV) rates of 2.795¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh) in the summer and 2.705¢ per kWh in the winter. For additional information, contact Rob Stewart at (202) 872-3190.

Sun Company will work with customers to establish fuel pricing. The Sun Company has liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), 85% methanol (M85), and 85% ethanol (E85) refueling stations that are available to the public through card access. For more information contact Michael Miller at (610) 859-1849.

Virginia Power will provide technical support and managerial staff to support a customer beginning an electric vehicle (EV) fleet. Virginia Power offers support for charging infrastructure, and rate options for electricity used to charge EVs. Contact Arlie Hahn at (804) 771-6367 for more information.

Washington Gas provides a number of incentives to encourage the use of natural gas vehicles (NGVs), including joint efforts with federal, state and local governments as well as commercial fleets to build compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations. In addition, the utility offers a customer service program which provides technical expertise and driver and technician training. For additional information, contact Ajit Ratra at (703) 750-4404 or Jan Biesiadecki at (703) 750-4885.

Laws & Regulations

Act 10-338 (1994) requires the use of alternative fuels in 30% of light-duty vehicles in designated fleets, beginning in 1998, rising to 70% in the year 2000.

Beginning in 1998, no commercial vehicle shall be operated within the Central Employment Area (as defined by the District of Columbia Zoning Regulations) between sunrise and sunset during the period between May 1 and September 15, unless that vehicle is powered by a clean alternative fuel.

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